

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS**

Board Meeting: December 8, 2004

Board Approved Minutes on February 9, 2005

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on Wednesday, December 8, 2004, at the Office of the Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

John W. Mixon, Chairman and Forester
John Britt, Forester
W. Dale Greene, Forester
Fred W. Greer, Jr., Consumer Member
Charlie Bonner Jones, Forester

Others present:

Gwyn H. Ridley, Executive Director
Sherry Harrison, Applications Specialist
Marie S. Urquhart, Board Secretary

Chairman Mixon established a quorum was present at 9:30 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

The Board held a public hearing at 9:35 a.m. regarding adoption of the proposed amendments to Rule 220-2-.03 – Reciprocal Registration. No written comments were received and no interested party attended the hearing. The public hearing was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The Board meeting was reconvened at 9:40 a.m. by Chairman Mixon. Mr. Greer made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Rule 220-2-.03. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. Members Britt, Greene, Greer, Jones and Mixon voted to adopt the rules as posted. (See Attachment #1.)

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2004 meeting. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Britt made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive an investigative report. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Members Britt, Greene, Greer, Jones, and Mixon. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Applications:

Applications were presented for the Board's review. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the following applications for licensure and examination that met certification requirements. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The following applicant was **approved** for Licensure:

License #	Name	Date	Method
RF002748	Clifford Ryan Murray	12/8/2004	Examination

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The following applicants were **approved** for Examination:

James Milton Chumbl er
Scott Walter Gies
Jason Paul Gillis
Jason Elliott McCannon
Jason Derrell McGee
Robert Austin New
Theodore Runyon Quarles, Jr.
John Terrell Sisson
Joel A. Stover

The following applicants were **approved** for Examination and Licensure:

Robert Floyd Campbell
Terrell Kent Powell

The following applicant was **approved** for reinstatement of license:

William Earl Smith #RF001284

Examination Report:

Examination dates for 2005 were reviewed. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the dates. Mr. Greer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Investigative Report:

There was no Investigative Report.

Mr. Greer made a motion for all Board members to be on the Enforcement Committee with Chairman Mixon as the Cognizant member. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board heard reports from the following staff member:

The Executive Director was updated on the following items:

- Number of active licensees
- Leadership Summit
- Online address update

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Correspondence, Written Requests, Inquiries and Information Items:

The Board reviewed a draft of the Board's newsletter.

The Board reviewed the following 2005 Board meeting schedule: February 9, 2005, April 13, 2005, July 13, 2005, and October 12, 2005. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the schedule. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed other miscellaneous correspondence and information that did not require a vote or action.

Mr. Greene gave an overview of the Leadership Summit meeting held in November.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Marie S. Urquhart
Recorded by Board Secretary

Gwyn H. Ridley
Reviewed by Executive Director

John W. Mixon
Chairman

Mollie L. Fleeman
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Division Director

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Attachment #1
December 8, 2004
Foresters Board Minutes

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
RULES FOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS CHAPTER 220-2**

RULE 220-2-.03 RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION. AMENDED

RULE 220-2-.03 is amended.

Purpose: Delineates rules for registration by endorsement.

Main Features: Specifies true endorsement registration.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
RULES FOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS- AMENDED 220-2-.03**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

220-2-.03 ~~Reciprocal~~ Registration by Endorsement. Amended.

(1) The Board may waive the examination requirements for an applicant ~~for reciprocity who has been registered practicing professional forestry for a minimum of five years in another jurisdiction following licensure as a registered forester~~ provided that the requirements and qualifications for licensing and registration under the laws of the in that jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to those of Georgia, and the applicant has been in good standing with the jurisdiction for the entire period of licensure or registration. ~~In order to be eligible for reciprocal registration, the applicant must hold a current registration as a registered forester in another jurisdiction.~~

(2) The applicant shall complete and submit an Application for Licensure by Endorsement with all attachments.

(3) A license issued by endorsement is at the sole discretion of the Board and if issued, shall be subject to all provisions of this part governing expiration, renewal, fees, continuing education, sanctions, revocation and any and all other provisions of law and rules governing or relating to foresters.

Authority O.C.G.A. 12-6-47 and 12-6-54.

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**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now John W. Mixon, the presiding officer

identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all over aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On December 8, 2004 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

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4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:

OCGA 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19(h)

5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

RECEIPT OF AND DELIBERATIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS
AND APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DELIBERATIONS
REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS;
RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

John W. Mixon
PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 8th day of December, 2004

Marie S. Urquhart
Notary Public